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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 17

Introduced by Senator Ducheny

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Tran)

(Coauthors: Senators Campbell, Dunn, *Ortiz*, and Runner)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 17, as amended, Ducheny. Flag of the former Republic of Vietnam: display.

Existing state law contains provisions governing the display of the flags of the United States and this state and relating to the design of, and display of certain flags at, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. Existing federal law prescribes the position and manner in which flags of other nations should be flown in relation to the United States Flag.

This measure would urge that the state formally recognize the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam as a symbol of the Vietnamese-American community in this state, and permit this flag to be displayed on any state-owned property, in conjunction with any

state-controlled or sponsored Vietnamese-American event or any public function organized by the Vietnamese-American community in the state, subject to the permit requirements of the event's locality.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to reports from the 2000 United States
2 Census, California is home to 430,964 Vietnamese immigrants;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese-American community has made
5 positive contributions to the historical, cultural, educational, and
6 economic prosperity of California; and

7 WHEREAS, Vietnamese-Americans remain vigilant in
8 opposing tyranny of all forms, actively supporting human rights
9 for all people, and celebrating the principles of democracy,
10 justice, and tolerance upon which our nation was founded; and

11 WHEREAS, Nearly 250,000 Vietnamese and 58,000
12 American servicemen and women sacrificed their lives for
13 freedom in Vietnam; and

14 WHEREAS, The flag of the former Republic of Vietnam, with
15 three red stripes upon a field of gold, and dating back to 1948,
16 has been and will continue to be a symbol of resilience, freedom,
17 and democracy to many Vietnamese-Americans in California;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The flag of the former Republic of Vietnam is
20 recognized by at least 80 cities and eight states across the United
21 States as an important symbol in the history of
22 Vietnamese-Americans; ~~now, therefore, be it and~~

23 *WHEREAS, The acknowledgment of the flag of the former*
24 *Republic of Vietnam as a symbol of the Vietnamese-American*
25 *community in this state would not inhibit nor interfere with the*
26 *ongoing formal diplomatic relations between the United States*
27 *and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; now, therefore, be it*

28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
29 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature urges that the state*
30 *formally recognize the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam,*
31 *displaying three red stripes on a field of gold, as a symbol of the*
32 *Vietnamese-American community in this state, and permit this*
33 *flag to be displayed on any state-owned property, in conjunction*
34 *with any state-controlled or sponsored Vietnamese-American*
35 *event or any public function organized by the*

- 1 Vietnamese-American community in the state, subject to the
- 2 permit requirements of the event's locality; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.